THE MINISTER. OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Burnt out dead body of an Army Major was found in his room at Leh on 5-12-1993. A Court of Inquiry into the incident is in progress. Appropriate action will be taken depending' upon the findings of the inquiry.

Proposal to purchase Hawk jet trainer

6959. SHRI S MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be plased to state.

fa) whether there is any proposal to buy British Aerospace Hawk advanced trainer jet aircrafts; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The Government has approved acquisition of Advanced Jet Trainers for meeting the requirement of the 1AF. Detailed proposals for supply of Alpha Jet of France and Hawk of UK, which are the two shortlisted aircraft, have been obtained and evaluated from technical angle.

Selection of advanced jet tariner

6960. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief of Air staff has stated in Bombay on the 17th March, 1994 that the selection of Advanced Jet Trainer for the Indian Air Fores would take at least one year;

(b) which are the models now under consideration and their relative features;

(c) whether the offer of Russia to supply their latest AJT, called MIG-AT, is also under consideration; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Chief of Air Staff had stated that the entire induction process for Advanced Jet Trainer is likely to take about a year.

(b) Frerch Alphajet and British Hawk have been shortlisted for acquisition as Advanced Jet Trainers.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The MIG-AT aircraft is still under development and its first flight is likely only in 1995.

मध्य प्रदेश में रक्षा भूमि

6961. श्री शिवप्रसाद बनपुरिया : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश के जबलपुर जिले के ग्राम बिलहरी, तिलहरी और छिबलाहा की 323.49 एकड़ भूमि सरकार के कब्जे में है ;

(ख) यह भूमि रक्षा विभाग को कब तथा किन-किन शर्तों के साथ हस्तान्तरित की गई थी ;

(ग) सरकार द्वारा उपरोक्त भूमि के अधिग्रहण का क्या उद्देश्य था ;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार ने राज्य सरकार की पूर्व अनुमति के बिना उपरोक्त भूमि पर निर्माण कार्य किया है ;

(ङ) क्या सरकार उपरोक्त भूमि के बदले में जबलपुर छावनी क्षेत्र के किसानों को उस भूमि को स्थाई पट्टे प देने पर विचार करेगी जिस पर वे सैकड़ों वर्षों से खेती करते आ रहे हैं; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो क्या रक्षा विभाग उपरोक्त भूमि राज्य सरकार को वापस करेगा ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी, हां ।